(c) the amount earned by the Government as entrance fee from these monuments/sites during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;

(d) whether Government proposes to declare any other monuments/sites as monuments of national importance in the State; and

(e) if so, the name and location of such monument/site?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) There are 40 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The amount spent on conservation and maintenance of these monuments during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 125 lakhs and Rs. 118 lakhs, respectively.

(c) The amount earned as entrance fee from these monuments/sites during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 4.87 lakhs and Rs. 5.06 lakhs, respectively.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) Does not arise.

Constructions near Centrally protected monuments

777. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India had in the recent past allowed constructions close to Centrally protected monuments and sites in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons behind ASI allowing these constructions which have harmed the monuments and sites; and

(d) the remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard to save these monuments and sites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) The Government, exercising its powers under Rule 31 of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Rules 1959 *vide* No. SO 1764 dated 16.6.1992 has notified certain regulations to regulate constructions near the protected monuments. The notification has also defined the protected areas (comprising of prohibited and regulated areas) of the monuments. However, certain protected areas of the monuments were having a residential houses/constructions even prior to the issue of the said Notification. The regulations caused a lot of problems to such genuine inhabitants as they could not even undertake repairs, alterations, restoration and reconstruction of their properties. To look into the problems being faced by such inhabitants, an Expert Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government in the year 2006 with eminent Town Planners, Conservation Architects, Archaeologists, Historians,

Landscape Architects as its members. The Delhi High Court *vide* its order dated 30.10.2009 in LPA No. 417/2009 has declared constitution of Expert Advisory Committee illegal and violative of the notification dated 16.6.1992. The High Court order is under the examination of the Government.

A State-wise list of permissions granted by the Archaeological Survey of India as per the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Committee is at the given Statement.

Statement

Number of proposals received and approved (State-wise) for grant of permissions for construction

Sl. No.	State	Number of proposals placed before the Committee	Proposals approved
1.	Assam	3	2
2.	Punjab	7	1
3.	Chhattisgarh	1	—
4.	Delhi	176	119
5.	Goa	2	—
6.	Gujarat	46	24
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	1
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	1	1
9.	Karnataka	8	2
10.	Kerala	23	17
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7	—
12.	Maharashtra	63	16
13.	Orissa	28	10
14.	Rajasthan	10	3
15.	Tamil Nadu	10	6
16.	Uttarakhand	1	1
17.	Uttar Pradesh	31	9
18.	West Bengal	8	2
	TOTAL	426	214